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TOWN MANAGER



SUMMER 2010
JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

TOWN OF DELMAR, DELAWARE/MARYLAND

Town of Delmar

Highlights of Fiscal 2011 Budget

The Mayor & Commissioners real property tax rates will be decrease for FY 2011. The Mayor & Commissioners accepted the Maryland Department of Assessment Constant Yield Tax Rate of .673 (per 100 of assessed value), creating a .02 decrease from prior year's tax rate. The Mayor & Council real property tax shall remain constant at .50 (per 100 of assessed value).

Tax Rates 2010-2011

	Real Property	Operating Property	Personal Property
Delmar, Maryland	.673	2.00	2.00
Delmar, Delaware	.50	2.00	

Garbage collection fees will also remain the same in fiscal year 2011. In July 2005, the garbage collection was contracted to a private waste collection company. The fees will continue to be collected by the Town on the annual tax bill.

The Utility Commission's service rates and connections fee for water & sewer will remain the same in FY 11 with the exception of non-metered sewer customers. The quarterly fee in prior years was \$75 and the Commission increased the fee in the amount of \$25, consequently, the quarterly fee shall be \$100.

Significant budget cuts for FY'11 include limiting capital expenses to only street replacement and repair projects, purchasing a 4x4 vehicle for the police contingent upon successful receipt of grant funding award, updating the Computer Operating System at the Police and Administrative Departments. Street repairs occurring in Delmar, Maryland will be paving a section of Walnut St. between Second St. – Fourth St. Street repairs in Delmar, Delaware are contingent upon receipt of Legislative Revenues and will begin on Delaware Ave between Fourth St. – Pennsylvania Ave; First Street between State Street and Lincoln Ave. Priority for street replacement and repair projects is based upon an engineer's street inventory as of January 2006 and September 2009 town wide windshield survey. Also we will maintain the current service agreements that were established for the maintenance of the water towers and all generators at plants and pump stations.

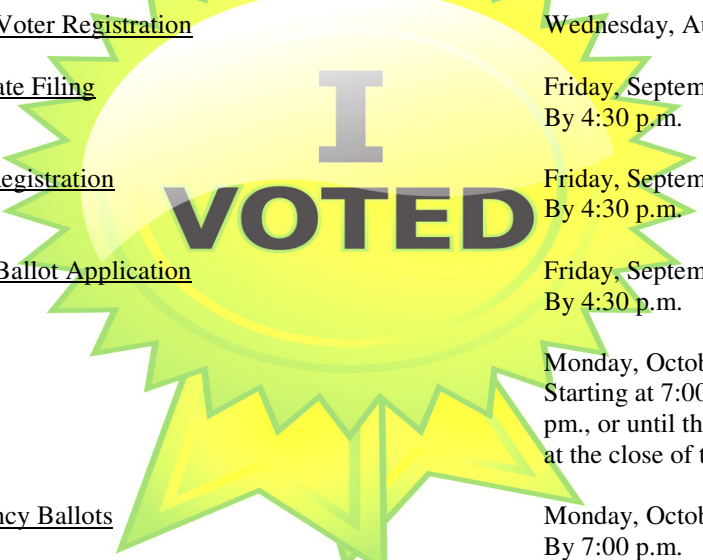
Please contact Sara Bynum-King, Town Manager,
with any questions concerning the proposed budget.
410-896-2777 or 302-846-2664, ext. 105

**TOWN OF DELMAR, DELAWARE
MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

The Delmar, Delaware Municipal Elections for one (1) Mayor and two (2) Council Members will be held on Monday, October 4, 2010.

Qualified voters may vote between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

2010 Delmar, Delaware Election Schedule



<u>Candidacy Filing & Voter Registration</u>	Wednesday, August 25, 2010
<u>Deadline for Candidate Filing</u>	Friday, September 10, 2010 By 4:30 p.m.
<u>Deadline for Voter Registration</u>	Friday, September 10, 2010 By 4:30 p.m.
<u>Deadline- Absentee Ballot Application</u>	Friday, September 10, 2010 By 4:30 p.m.
<u>Election Date</u>	Monday, October 4, 2010 Starting at 7:00 am, closing at 7:00 pm., or until the last person in line at the close of the doors has voted.
<u>Absentee & Emergency Ballots</u>	Monday, October 4, 2010 By 7:00 p.m.

Qualifications for Mayor and Council candidates are that they shall (a) be a citizen of the United States, (b) be at least eighteen (18) years of age on the date of the election, (c) reside in the State of Delaware for at least one (1) year prior to the date of the election, (d) reside in the corporate limits of the Town of Delmar, Delaware for at least six (6) months immediately preceding the election, and (e) be a qualified voter of the Town of Delmar, Delaware on the date of the election.

Certificates of Candidacy must be completed at Town Hall by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 10, 2010. No person shall file for nomination to more than one elective Town public office at any time.

Qualifications to be able to vote in the upcoming Delmar, Delaware Municipal Election, you must be at least 18 years of age at the time of the election, reside in the state of Delaware for at least 30 days prior to the election, must be a resident of the State of Delaware for at least 30 days, and must have registered at Town Hall by the deadline. Registration deadline for this election is Friday, September 10, 2010 by 4:30 p.m. Voter registration forms may be picked up and/or filled out at Town Hall, 100 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Delmar, MD. Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 p.m.

Please contact Town Manager Sara Bynum-King with any questions at (410) 896-2777 or (302) 846-2664, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Special Election Results

The Town of Delmar, Delaware held a Special Election on May 26, 2010 for the voters to vote on the proposed issuance by the Town of Delmar, Delaware of \$400,206.00 maximum principal amount general obligation bond to finance improvements to the Town's water system. Specifically it will be in order to finance improvements by replacing approximately 1,270 linear feet of corroded four inch water mains with eight inch water mains and hydrants along sections of Delaware Avenue.

The turnout at the Election was low, very low. Nine (9) electors voted unanimously to allow the Town to proceed with the project and to receive the bond of \$400,206.00.

Senior Discount on Taxes

Delmar property owners who meet the following qualifications can apply to receive a **5% discount** on their annual property taxes:

- 1) One of the property owners has attained the age of 65 years by March 1, 2010.
- 2) As of March 1, 2010, they are the sole owners of the property, and they reside on said property 7 out of 12 months, and the property is used exclusively for residential purposes for the owners and the property taxes are current.

THE APPLICATION FOR THE DISCOUNT MUST ACCOMPANY PAYMENT TO

RECEIVE THE DISCOUNT. If you send your tax bill to your mortgage company to pay your taxes, the application **MUST** be remitted with your payment to receive the discount.

Please be informed that no discounts will be given after September 30, 2010 or after initial payment has been received and processed.

The discount on property taxes DOES NOT apply to the garbage fee. There is an application included within this newsletter that can be filled out and returned **WITH** your tax payment.

No Trash Left behind

In order that your trash is collected on trash day, it is important to remember the following tips:



- Container should be maintained in a sanitary condition
- Container should be free of any defects which could injure driver
- Container should be made of metal or heavy plastic, equipped with properly

fitting covers and water tight- PLEASE drill holes in the bottom of container to drain out liquids which could cause added weight to the trash.

- Container should have the capacity not to exceed 35 gallons and a gross weight not to exceed 50 pounds
- Container should be placed at the point of collection no earlier than sunset on the evening before collection and should be removed no later than sunset on the day of collection

In addition to regular household trash:

- The Town will schedule collection of yard refuse such as leaves and trimmings at the request of the owner/tenant
- Leaves may be deposited for collection in durable plastic bags
- Tree trimmings and similar materials should be cut to a length not to exceed four feet and should be tied in bundles not more than two feet thick

The following collection procedures will apply to all residential collections:

- Collection will occur one time per week
 - A reasonable accumulation of garbage or refuse will be collected for each residential unit. Excessive amounts of refuse, as determined by the waste collection company, will not be picked up. A special garbage collection can be scheduled for a fee by Public Works Department.
 - Furniture, appliances, tires and other bulk items will be collected for a fee. Property owners and/or tenants with such items to be disposed of should contact Town Hall and arrange a special collection.
 - Collection of any trash or garbage which is deposited in a manner which does not conform to the provisions contained herein may be refused.
 - Disposal of any material which is refused collection will become the responsibility of the property owner.
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High Volume User Form

Do you have a pool?

Do you have a flower or vegetable garden?

Do you do boat maintenance at home?

If you do, you are eligible for a reduction of the sewer portion of your utility bill through our HIGH VOLUME USER POLICY. **This policy is only in effect during the June, July, and August billing quarter, and the application must be filled out annually.** The quarter starts as soon as the readings for the March, April and May quarter are completed. An application is provided within this newsletter and also on our website: www.townofdelmar.us. (See page 5) If you would like to apply, please fill out an application and return it to Delmar Town Hall, 100 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Delmar, MD. 21875. All applications must be turned in by **AUGUST 13, 2010.**

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!!

To the families and residents, both past and present, of the great Town of Delmar, take heed of this notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

There is a movement amidst to revitalize the Delmar Historical and Arts Society. The Society shall serve to bring together those people interested in history and art, and especially in the history and art of the Delmar area. Understanding the history and art of the community is basic to the democratic way of life, gives us a better understanding of our state and nation, and promotes a better appreciation of our American heritage. The Delmar Historical and Art's Society's major function will be to discover and collect any materials which may help to establish or illustrate the history and art of the area. It will provide for the preservation of such material and its accessibility. In furtherance of its mission, the Society has embarked upon a membership drive to encourage all interested persons and institutions to join. Any persons/institutions interested in the history of the Delmar area who applies for membership and tender the required annual dues therefore become a member. Annual dues are: Individual Membership...\$5.00, Institutional Membership...\$10.00, Life Member...\$100.00, Senior Citizen and Student membership... \$2.50. The Society Treasurer, Shirley Martin will gladly accept your membership application and dues at the Wilmington Trust Bank.

Message from the Delmar Revitalization Committee

SAVE THE DATE !!!

The Delmar Revitalization Committee is currently finalizing plans for the Heritage Day Festival to be held on the last weekend in September. As more information becomes available it will be posted on the Town's website and in our next newsletter.

REMEMBER SAVE THE LAST WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER FOR THE HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL !!!!!

ROBERT KENNEY RETIRING AFTER 17 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mr. Robert Kenney, Animal Control Officer with the Delmar Police Department retired this past December with 17 years of service. His dedication and service was recognized on Friday, May 28, 2010 with a retirement party hosted by the Delmar Police Department held at Town Hall. While the Town is still searching for an Animal Control Officer, Mr. Kenney will be sorely missed. We wish him well in whatever his retirement plans are.



Delmar Library Summer Schedule

- Story time every Wednesday morning at 10 am
- The knitting Crocheting Club meets every 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

June 12- Open House at Library to welcome the new Director, Public is invited

June 17- Star Trek- the Amberggris Planet, an ocean planet visited: our heroes transformed into aquatic life forms, showing at 6:30 p.m.

June 24- Mike Rose- first of the summer reading entertainment. Magician and comedian who has developed the ability to adjust his presentation so it can be sophisticated and intelligent for adult audiences and off-the-wall funny for children. 6:30 p.m.

July 1- Take a Tromp Through the Swamp and a Break by the Lake, with Tom Sieling, singer and songwriter from New York

July 15- Puppets Talking Science- 2 short puppet plays, one about Galapagos Island tortoise and one about frogs and camouflage, 6:30 p.m.

July 22- Under the Sea: a look at the underworld food chain 6:30 p.m.

August 12- Rehoboth Children's Theater, Robin Hood 6:30 p.m.

August 14- The End Party- Wear your bathing suit or clothes that can get wet. We'll be outside, remember sun block. 12 noon until 3:00 p.m. To attend you have to have read at least ONE BOOK !!

High Volume User Data Form

****APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN BY
AUGUST 13TH***

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Account #: _____

Reason(s) for high usage: (Check off any that apply)

_____ Swimming Pool

_____ Excessive Shrubbery & Flowers

_____ Garden(s)

_____ Boat Maintenance

_____ Sprinkler System

_____ Other (please specify below)

This form must be completed each year. Customers meeting guidelines will receive sewer abatement for the excess usage over normal average consumption. Customers that feel they are a high volume user, but do not qualify within the guidelines, must present their request before the Utility Commission. This policy will be in effect during the summer months of June, July, and August. High Volume Users will only receive a reduction of the sewer charge, not the water fee.

Full House Poker Nights to Benefit Delmar Pop Warner



Full House Poker Parlor, Inc. is a charity based poker room that provides qualified non-profit organizations the ability to raise funds without the effort and preparation involved with most fundraising. They offer games of Texas Hold'Em, Blackjack and various other poker games. Full House is located in the State Line Plaza, Unit 2, Delmar, DE.

Delmar Pop Warner will be the recipients of the funds raised on June 22, July 16, and August 26. All events will start at 7:00 p.m. and end at 1:00 a.m. They are asking everyone to come out and support the Delmar Pop Warner Program.

Town Hall Holiday Closing
Monday, July 5, 2010-
Independence Day
Monday, Sept. 6, 2010-
Labor Day

Help Prevent Streets from Flooding

With the weather getting warmer and the rain coming, our grass and lawns are in need of our attention. Residents and home owners are required by ordinance to keep the grass cut, and also maintain the sidewalks and curbing. When cutting the lawn, the grass clippings cannot go into the streets; those loose grass clippings clog up our gutters and create flooding of our streets. These clippings need to be raked or swept and bagged up. Town residents need to keep their grass height no taller than 6 (six) inches. Any branches that need to be removed are required to be cut no longer than 3 feet and bundled together. Please call Public Works Department for free removal of your bagged clippings at 302-846-3696.

Pets can be loving and loyal friends that many consider to be like family members. Show your pet how much you care by providing them with all that they need for comfort and health by protecting them from disease and other dangers.

There has been an increase recently in the number of dogs at large within Town limits. The

Town would like to issue a reminder of the ordinance referring to animal care and control. The basic guidelines are listed below:

- Cruelty to animals is prohibited. Owners are required to supply water, food, shelter with sufficient air and ventilation, and veterinary care as needed.
- It is unlawful to permit your pet to run at large (not under the control by leash, chain, or cord).
- Confinement of a female pet in heat is required.
- Dog licenses are required. Delaware residents can now purchase a dog license through Sussex County through the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. That number is 302-855-7380. Maryland residents can purchase a dog license through the Wicomico County Humane Society. That number is 410-749-7603.
- All pets must be vaccinated for rabies and proof of vaccination readily available.
- Frequent and disturbing noises by dogs are prohibited within Town limits.

A Word from the Delmar Police Department

The Delmar Police Department would like to stress the importance of registering bikes. Registration increases the chance of recovery in the event of theft. If a bike has been stolen, call (410)896-3131 to set up an appointment to see if your missing bike is among those recovered.

When a resident is planning to be out of Town for more than a day, the Police Department should be notified either by website www.delmarpolice.com or phone. Trips can be much more fun when travelers have the peace of mind that comes from knowing that their property is being checked by their hometown police.

Actions or behaviors that seem suspicious should be reported by calling the Delmar Police Department (410)896-3131 or 911. All concerns are immediately investigated.

TOWN OF DELMAR-DE/MD
Application for Senior Citizen Discount

Owner (s): _____ Cust #: _____

Property Address: _____ Acct #: _____

Telephone Number: _____

THE APPLICANTS DO HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM:

1. That one of the property owners has attained the age of 65 years by March 1 of the year application is filed.
2. That as of March 1, they are the sole owner of the property; they reside on said property 7 out of 12 months of the year; that the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; and that property taxes are current.

I HEARBY SWEAR AND AFFIRM THAT THIS INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT A FALSE DECLARATION IN THIS APPLICATION WILL SUBJECT ME TO THE PENALTIES PROVIDED BY THE LAW FOR PERJURY.

Date of Application

Applicant Signature

Form MUST accompany payment to receive discount.

Please be informed that no discounts will be given after September 30th or after initial payment has been received and processed. 5% **Discount is on Property Taxes only, this does not apply to the garbage fee.** If you have any questions pertaining to this application please call 410-896-2777 or 302-846-2664 ext. 107

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